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study of environmental pressures leading to choice of profession. Has the Carnegie Institution no funds for this more valuable type of investigation? As a contribution to the technique of mental testing this volume is negligible. As a classification of inherited or instinctive traits it is naïve and outworn. As a cyclopedia of biography it is too fragmentary and omits the most valuable material—that on the determining influences in the environment. As an example of pedantry it is entirely satisfactory.

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The Land and the Soldier. By FREDERIC C. HOWE, Commissioner of Immigration at the Port of New York. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1919. Pp. 196. \$1.35.

The American people are faced with many domestic problems—and none more important than those relating to the ex-soldier and the new agriculture. In *The Land and the Soldier* Dr. Howe presents a solution dealing with both these problems somewhat after the plan outlined by the Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane. However, Dr. Howe believes the farm colony, which is the heart of his plan, should be established upon land never properly cultivated and located near markets rather than upon waste lands—swamps and stump.

The farm-colony plan has been successful in England, Germany, Denmark, and Austria. That it is adapted to this country is indicated by the successful farm-colony at Durham, California, established by the state government. The essential features of the plan are: (1) promotion by state or local authorities; (2) the purchase of large tracts of land; (3) their subdivision into farms of proper size; (4) supervision by experts; (5) some form of control to prevent exploitation or speculation.

The purpose of the farm colony "is to create a community of home-owning, farm-loving people, who will look upon the colony as a permanent place of residence and a home for their children." It is to be the means of making "farming a profitable profession" for wealth and life. It is in "effect a proposal to socialize agriculture." It "means community provisions for the comforts and amenities of life."

The book is rationally practical, presenting an understanding of the present and plotting the development of the future, socially and agriculturally.

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